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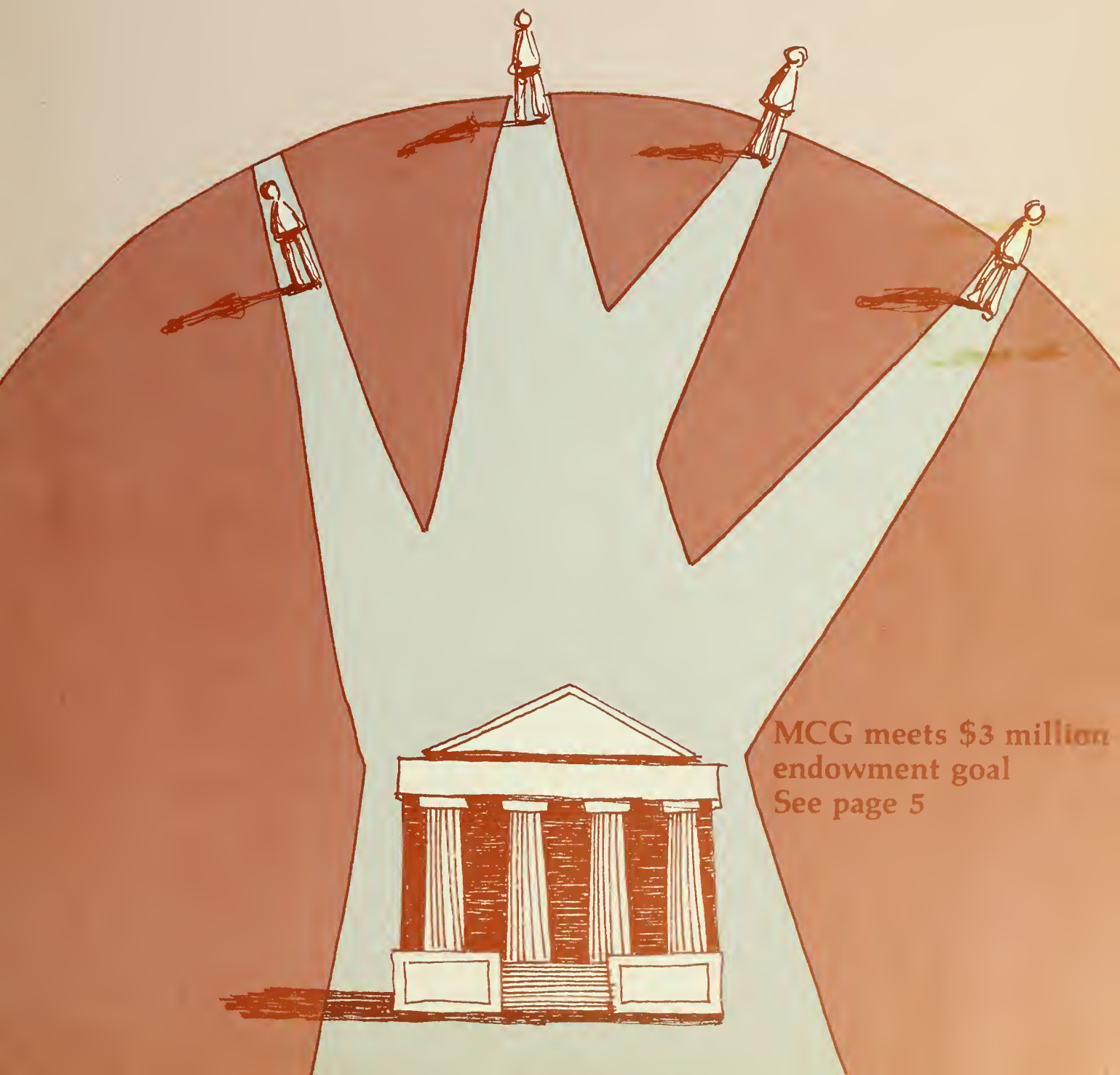

MCG meets $3 million endowment goal

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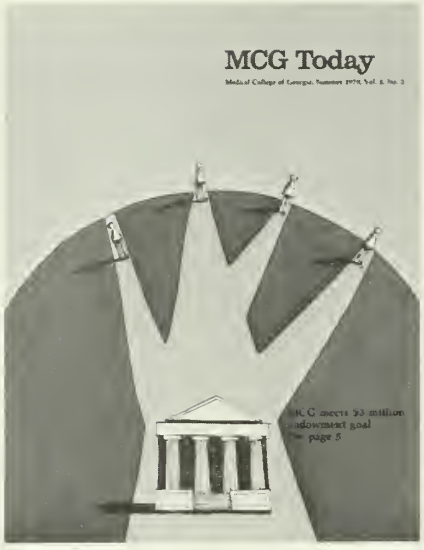

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BEHIND THE LINES

May 30, 1979 was a day of conflicting emotions for me. The announced success of our $3 million endowment campaign was a great satisfaction and joy.

The death that day of a dear friend, Dr. Earl Warren of Glen Rock, New Jersey, was a time of deep sorrow. Dr. Warren was to announce that evening a $150,000 gift which pushed us over the goal. The gift was made and we went over the goal, but certainly it was a time of sadness as we missed the company of one of MCG's finest and most loyal supporters.

I express to his widow, Amy, our sympathy and continued support. A 1925 graduate of MCG, Dr. Warren had overcome some serious health problems to be able to remain in practice. Once well, however, he served the people of New Jersey for 50 years and upon retirement remained as interested in keeping up-to-date with medicine as during his years of practice.

He never lost feelings for "his roots" and had an intense loyalty to MCG. Often he visited Swainsboro, his native city, and MCG. Dr. Edgar R. Pund was a special friend of Dr. Warren's and I have often traveled with Dr. Warren as he visited Dr. Pund in a nursing home at Seneca, S. C.

If you were from MCG, his home was open to you. During the many visits I made to discuss his plans for establishing a professorship and a research fellowship fund at the college in his will, he and Amy were gracious hosts.

If a secretary in the office assisted Dr. Warren in some project beneficial to the Foundation or or MCG, he would send a box of candy or a handwritten letter of praise and thanks.

Once he hand wrote dozens of letters to foundations and corporations in which he held stock seeking financial support for the college. He organized and directed three successful alumni dinners in the New York area.

There can be no replacement for Dr. Warren. He was unique and his loyalty was intense. To say that he will be missed is a feeble statement for those who knew the man.

The $3 million campaign, begun in a recession and hampered throughout for lack of a national chairman, is ended. It is a goal which seemed unattainable at times. We have had some relatively large gifts but not many. It was an unusual campaign in that we attained the goal through a whole host of small gifts from many, many people.

Perhaps that's the ideal way—it is the toughest way—believe me. Our alumni responded tremendously, going over their $700,000 goal by $7,000.

Please accept my sincere thanks for what each person has done. So many gave time, leadership, money, support, and advice that it would not be possible to name each.

I believe something has happened during the past few years because of this campaign. We got out into the state and communicated with alumni and businessmen as never before. This has had a most positive influence and I value that more than the endowment base which will now serve to launch MCG toward higher goals and improved quality in its programs.

ALUMNI NEWS

Gathering before the annual Hinman meeting in Atlanta are the former and new officers of the dental alumna association from MCG. They are, from left to right, Rudy Harrington, incoming president; Richard Teets, outgoing president; Kent Mattison, outgoing vice-president; David Luckey, incoming vice-president; Norris O'Dell, outgoing secretary-treasurer and Van Haywood, incoming secretary-treasurer.

Hinman Meeting

The 67th annual Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting was the occasion for a dinner for the Medical College of Georgia's School of Dentistry alumni. Over 120 dentists and their guests attended the dinner at which new officers for the dental alumni association were presented.

The four day Hinman meeting saw participation of 28 MCG School of Dentistry faculty and staff and eight MCG School of Dentistry students in symposia, table clinics and workshops.

Faculty and staff participants included Drs. Ed Joy, Robert Kaltenbach, David Koth, Jack Sherrer, Toru Okabe, Richard Mitchell, Michael Butts, Bruce Rice, Douglas Smith, Quince Davis, Ralph Talman, Keith Volkmann, Gerald Heuer, Ronald Bell, Joseph LeCompte, Kenneth Anusavice, Isaac Hawkins, Wallace Edwards, Van Haywood, Dennis Hoyt, Ronald Altman, Gerald Loft, Arun Nayyar, Charles McFarland, Charles Morris, Gregory Parr, Henry Williams and James Clark.

The Hinman meeting is named after Thomas P. Hinman who founded the mid-winter meeting in 1911. It was his hope that dentists attending the meeting would return home and share the information they had learned with their colleagues.

Dr. Hinman was a graduate of the Southern Dental School and had a private practice in Atlanta. When the Southern Dental School merged with the Atlanta Dental College in 1917, he became dean of the new institution and held that position until his death in 1931. He continued in private practice during those years.

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MCG Foundation

Dr. Harold Harrison, Atlanta surgeon, has been elected president of the Medical College of Georgia Foundation, Inc. and chairman of its executive committee.

A 1948 graduate of MCG, Dr. Harrison has been active in foundation and alumni activities of the college for many years.

Elected to serve with Harrison were Dr. David Wells of Dalton, class of 1949, first vice-president; Dr. J. Miller Byne, Jr. of Waynesboro, class of 1928, second vice-president and Dr. Robert G. Ellison of Augusta, class of 1943, secretary-treasurer. James C. Austin was re-elected executive director and Charles Jones, Jr. as assistant secretary-treasurer and accountant.

Dr. Floyd Jarrell of Columbus, class of 1946 and Dr. Curtis Hames of Claxton, class of 1944 were re-elected to the board of trustees. James A. Crockett of Vidalia and Dr. Harvey Newman of Gainesville, class of 1948, were elected to the board.

All in the family

If you have trouble keeping up with the Joneses, try keeping up with the Smiths of Swainsboro.

When George L. Smith III received his MD degree during the 150th commencement exercises at MCG it marked the fifth time a descendent of the Smith family has taken up the challenge to serve their fellow man through the practice of medicine.

The family tradition began when Benjamin Smith was graduated from MCG in 1853. He practiced medicine on horseback in Washington County and later in Emanuel County.

His son Dr. George L. Smith was graduated from MCG in 1881 and also practiced in Emanuel County.

Dr. Dessie Smith was the third generation to practice in Emanuel County after graduating from MCG in 1908. It was estimated that he delivered some 2,000 babies during his lifetime. He was the first chief of staff of Emanuel County Hospital.

Dr. Wilder Smith became the fourth line of medical Smiths, having graduated from MCG in 1946. After serving in the U.S. Medical Corp. during the Korean War he returned to Swainsboro to practice medicine. He is now chief of staff at Emanuel County Hospital and President of the Emanuel County Medical Society.

The newest Dr. Smith is beginning his family practice residency at the Medical Center Hospital in Columbus. He is married to the former Donna Harris of Macon.

Fairhurst

Reichard

Regents' professors appointed

The Board of Regents have appointed two additional Regents' professors at the Medical College.

Dr. Carl Wayne Fairhurst from the School of Dentistry and Dr. Sherwood M. Reichard, School of Medicine, were tapped for the honor.

Reichard is internationally recognized for his research in radiation protection mechanisms and in radiation effects on organs and cells, providing a better understanding of the radiation treatment of cancer.

Fairhurst, the first Regents' professor from the dental school, is researching dental restorative metals and their combinations, new resins and their application to aesthetic and protective dental restorations. His research has led to improvements in materials and their use in the treatment of dental disease.

Dr. Burnett honored

Dr. George W. Burnett, professor emeritus of oral biology, has received an honorary doctor of science degree from the Georgetown University Dental School.

Burnett was professional lecturer in microbiology and tropical disease at Georgetown University from 1962 until 1968, and was cited for his "contributions to the health sciences and dentistry."

Author of *Oral Microbiology and Infectious Disease* and two other textbooks, Burnett joined the MCG dental faculty in 1968 as coordinator of oral microbiology. He has served as associate dean for biological sciences, School of Dentistry, and as professor of microbiology for the School of Medicine, serving as acting chairman of that department for two years.

Dr. Steve Kolas

Dr. Steve Kolas has been named associate dean for students in the School of Dentistry. In this capacity, he will be responsible for student admissions, evaluation, advisement, and student performance on national board tests.

Kolas earned his DDS and MSc degrees at Ohio State University. A diplomate of the American Board of Oral Pathology, he is a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the dental honor society, and numerous other professional organizations. He has published articles and abstracts on a variety of oral pathologies.

Pharmacology chairman named

Dr. Lowell M. Greenbaum assumed the chairmanship of the pharmacology department, School of Medicine, July 1.

Greenbaum is currently professor of pharmacology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. He has studied at the City College of New York and Tufts University, where he earned his PhD degree. Additionally, he did post-graduate work at Yale University as an American Cancer Society fellow.

Greenbaum succeeds Dr. Raymond Ahlquist, Lasker Award recipient and MCG Charbonnier professor, who stepped down in March, 1977, in order to concentrate on research.

CAMPUS NEWS

Col. Doris Sue Frazier

Col. Doris Sue Frazier has been named acting dean for the School of Nursing, following the resignation of Dr. Neila Poshek for personal reasons.

Frazier is a former faculty member at the Medical College, having taught nursing administration here from 1974-1978. From 1973 until 1976, she was chief of the department of nursing of the U.S. Army Medical Center at Ft. Gordon.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota with a BS degree in nursing, Frazier earned the master's degree in hospital administration at Baylor University.

Her extensive nursing background is evident from her former positions as nursing methods analyst, nurse administrator and assistant to the chief, Army Nurse Corps, all in the Office of the Surgeon General.

New pathology chief

Dr. C. Robert Baisden is the new MCG chief of clinical pathology.

Baisden came to MCG from the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Baltimore, where he served as deputy chief of pathology. He also served as pathologist at Johns Hopkins Hospital, assistant professor of laboratory medicine at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and consultant in pathology with the VA Hospital.

The pathologist is board certified in anatomic and clinical pathology with subspecialty certification in hematopathology.

Nursing school lecture series

The 1979 Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series for the School of Nursing brought three outstanding researchers to the campus.

Dr. Dorothea Orem, nursing education consultant with Orem & Shields, Inc., Chevy Chase, Md., spoke on "Nursing Theory." The second lecture, "The Status of Nursing Theory with Illustrations Based on the Roy Adaptation Model," was presented by Sister Callista Roy, chairman of nursing at Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles.

And Claudia Schmalenberg, international nursing consultant, lectured on "Reality Shock" — the transition from nursing education to nursing practice.

Scott Gregory

Scott Gregory is the new chairman of the department of radiologic technologies.

Gregory completed the radiologic technology program at Mercy Hospital, Scranton, Pa., in 1970 and received his bachelor's degree in radiologic technology at Alderson-Broaddus College, in Philippi, W. Va., in 1974. He received his masters in Health Sciences Education from State University of New York in 1977.

For the past three years he has been the director of radiologic sciences at Quinnipiac College, in Hamden, Connecticut.

Gregory has been active in both state and national professional organizations and in presenting reports and lectures to numerous groups on academic matters and technical aspects of his profession.

Endowment Goal Met

A $3 million goal has been successfully reached in the Medical College of Georgia's drive to establish endowment.

James C. Austin, director to the Division of Institutional Relations and the man who has directed the drive, expressed pleasure over the fund-raising success and added, "I feel strongly that MCG has gained much more than money for endowment growth. We have made friends throughout Georgia and we have informed people throughout this state of the significance of this institution."

The $3 million came from several major sources. The alumni gave $707,000; the MCG faculty and staff gave $377,000; foundations and corporations gave $1,130,000 and other individuals gave $826,000.

It was a generous gift of $150,000 by the late Dr. Earl Warren, establishing the Amy G. Warren and Lamar Warren Research Fellowship Fund, which pushed the effort over the $3 million mark. The 1925 graduate of MCG was a practicing radiologist for 50 years in New Jersey. Dr. Warren was born in Swainsboro and lived in Glen Rock, N.J. He died May 30, 1979 of a heart attack.

At a New York City dinner meeting of MCG alumni in the Northeastern section of the country, Dr. William Moretz expressed his appreciation for Dr. Warren's devoted service to MCG and extended his thanks to everyone who helped achieve the $3 million goal.

"I wish to especially thank our faculty and staff who started this drive with an outstanding total of $377,000.

"This support will significantly facilitate our efforts to continue providing educational, research, and health care programs of the finest quality," remarked Dr. Moretz.

A number of geographical regions in Georgia were very successful in the drive. In Augusta nearly $1 million was raised under the chairmanship of Charles Presley, chairman of the board of the Georgia Railroad Bank and Trust Co. and Dr. Harold Engler, Augusta surgeon, who directed the alumni phase of the campaign in the city.

Atlantans gave $380,700; Macon donors reached $423,000; Columbus $374,740 and Statesboro $159,316,as some of the leading areas in the state.

Homecoming '79

To reminisce . . . to look around . . . to catch up . . . to meet again.

What's in a homecoming? Well, for many MCG alumni homecoming was a blend of nostalgia and newness . . .

Everyone got involved in this year's three day event. The entire College celebrated William F. Hamilton Day; the students staged their annual "Rat Race" and parade; and faculty and alumni participated in the alumni banquet and continuing education courses.

Kicking off Homecoming '79 activities was the commemoration ceremony for the late Dr. William F. Hamilton, MCG chairman of physiology from 1934 until 1960. Hamilton was a pioneer in cardiovascular research, having developed the Hamilton manometer for measuring blood pressure.

Dr. Harold C. Wiggers, former research colleague and friend of Hamilton, addressed those present on "The Importance of Basic Science Research in a Health Sciences University." Wiggers is president emeritus of Albany Medical College of Union University, Schenectady, N. Y.

The program, held in the Hamilton Wing of the Sanders Research and Education Building, included the unveiling of a plaque honoring the late researcher.

Following the commemoration a three day international symposium on "The Physiology of Atrial Pacemakers" was held, also in honor of Hamilton.

Not to be outdone, the sophomore medical class sponsored the second annual "Rat Race," a four mile run around the campus. Then came the annual Sophomore Parade, complete with the outrageous floats and costumes which have become traditional at this event.

The Faculty Wives escorted tour groups through the campus, and the local Rich's department store staged a fashion show for alumni. "Vintage" films were also shown for intersted homecomers.

But it wasn't all fun and festivities — homecoming activities included several continuing education programs.

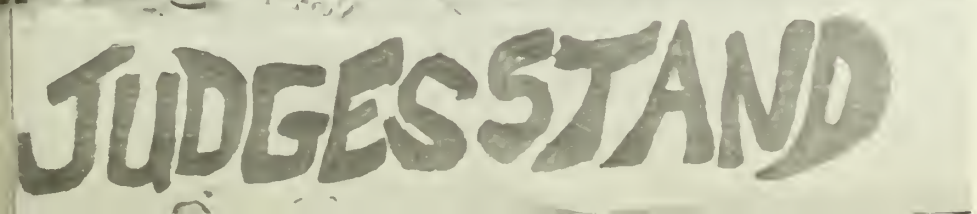
The School of Nursing presented its Phoebe Kandel Rohrer Founder's Award to Mrs. Lillian Carter, in absentia, at a Friday breakfast. Mrs. Carter was cited for her "personal warmth and professional attitudes" in her nursing work with the Peace Corps in India.

One of the high points of the 1979 Homecoming was, of course, the Alumni Banquet. Graduates and faculty of all five schools gathered for a social hour and dinner at the Augusta Hilton, after which the Wits' End Players of Atlanta entertained the group with a musical comedy.

Also part of the homecoming festivities were the individual schools' receptions and reunions.

Dr. Clara Schenborn, daughter of the late William F. Hamilton, speaks during Hamilton Day ceremonies.

Registering for the day's events.



'Judges' contemplate floats during the Sophomore parade.

Parade costumes show ingenuity and creativity.

Dr. Corbett Thigpen, '45, Dr. Bill Shirley, '51, Mrs. Shirley and daughter, Susan Shirley, now in the School of Nursing chat at the homecoming banquet.

Enjoying the homecoming alumni banquet are Mrs. Lewis Newman, O. Torbitt Ivey, Mrs. Moretz, President Moretz and Augusta Mayor Lewis (Pop) Newman.

Dean Emeritus Louise Grant (C) renews old friendship with Panonia Cecil (L) and Marty Sacksteder (R) at the School of Nursing reception.

Dr. and Mrs. William Moretz with Dr. Harold Engler, '50, and his daughter, Gay, '77, School of Allied Health Sciences, medical record administration.

Wits' End Players entertained alumni at the Homecoming Banquet.

Class of 1934

Class of 1939

Class of 1949

Class of 1954

Class of 1964

Class of 1969

Color pictures (8x10) of class reunions are available. Make check of $9.50 payable to MCG Foundation. Send requests to:

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MCG caught in the capitation cutoff

By Julie Guillebeau

Capitation, or the lack of it, is causing some problems for health sciences universities. MCG is no exception, and here it affects not only medicine, but also dentistry and to a lesser degree nursing.

Capitation funds were begun in 1971, when it was the philosophy that an increase in practicing physicians, dentists and other health professionals could be realized through encouraging increased enrollments. While capitation was first awarded as general funds for the improvement of health education, it later became associated with an increase in enrollment.

Now, many experts tell us we have enough physicians, dentists, nurses and other health workers, so the funds will be cut off by 1980. At that time, similar funds may be given directly to students.

Sounds laudable enough, and no one we talked with disagreed with students receiving the aid. But, cutting off of capitation funds to schools has caused some very real problems.

Dr. Fairfield Goodale, dean of the School of Medicine says that it is an across the board pinch . . . everyone is hurt. The more than one million dollars received by his office was used primarily for faculty and staff salaries, renovations, medical affiliation programs in other Georgia cities and equipment. Of the 40 personnel funded by capitation, fifteen positions are allocated for additional faculty to handle the increase in the number of students.

Dr. Goodale has few options — he'll have to find other sources to replace the funds, for it would be unwise to lower the number of faculty. "We aren't in a situation of just trimming fat, because there's not enough fat to trim. Our present ratio of faculty to students is 1-2.5 and it should be 1-1.5."

He adds that cutting off these funds makes it difficult to stay even, much less enter a growth situation.

"By growth, we're not talking about an increase in numbers of students, we're talking about enriching areas needing faculty and staff support, beginning new programs in such areas as geriatrics, nutrition and immunology." Many plans to enhance medical education will remain on the drawing boards, as the dean and his associates attempt to make the best of the situation.

Dr. Goodale also is fearful of just marking time because while it'll be difficult moving forward, "when you just stand still, you really go backward."

Dr. Judson C. Hickey, dean of the School of Dentistry echoes Dr. Goodale's sentiments, adding that overall the lack of capitation could adversely affect the quality of dentists.

Dr. Hickey explains that his situation is slightly different. They too began receiving capitation funds on the basis of an increased enrollment about 10 years ago, and yes, the funds have become an integral part of the operating budget, just as in medicine. However, the difference arises in that at the last renewal of capitation funds, the school was given the choice of increasing enrollment, or initiating an off-campus program geared toward encouraging dentists to practice in under-served areas of the state. Dentistry opted for the latter and developed a six-week off-campus program for students. Thus hitting at the current problem of proper distribution of health professionals.

Dr. Hickey says "We don't have too many possibilities. We could replace some of the funds by increasing clinic revenues; obtaining additional grants and reducing the size of our faculty and staff. We also could reduce the class size. All of these can only hurt the overall operations of the school."

Capitation funds were never intended as something above and beyond normal operations, says Dr. Hickey. "We didn't begin exotic programs with the money, we tried to use the funds to improve the oral health of Georgians."

In both schools, the funds actually account for a relatively small amount of the operating budget, probably less than 10 percent, but as both deans said "How do you squeeze more money out of an already tight budget?"

Too, Dr. Goodale and Dr. Hickey point out that dealing with lack of capitation would be less difficult if more time was allowed for finding replacement funds.

Nursing is in yet another situation, explains Dr. Lois Ellison, provost, in that they had a little more warning. The cutting off of their funds was begun several months earlier than either medicine or dentistry.

A recent article in *Science* dealing primarily with medical schools and their coping with the capitation cut-off perhaps explains some of the frustrations encountered by those who are having to solve the problems.

The situation in most medical schools, as described in the article is one where funds have become an integral part of the budget. Long-range plans were made and faculty hired on the assumption that the funds would be forthcoming, and now they've been cut off. This is enough in itself to give administrators headaches, but then you add Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Joseph Califano's belief that health care costs increase some $300,000 per year per physician.

What medical school professionals are asking is how does one determine if there will be a physician shortage or an oversupply, and how does one determine if physicians cause the demand for health care or answer to the public's outcry for more health care; how does one determine if a physician can cause a rise in health care costs?

And, what is going to be the reaction of the public when the day arrives that HEW says we have enough physicians, and yet gaining access to medical care is not a simple task?

Dr. Goodale, Dr. Hickey and Dr. Ellison agree that the numbers problem may be solved, but not the geographical distribution of physicians, dentists, nurses and other health professionals. There are many areas which still don't have primary health care immediately available.

Sympathy the necessary ingredient on the other

After two operations and a period of declining health, the old man died early one morning in a suburban hospital. We can call him Craig Brinton, M.D. At four o'clock the night supervisor telephoned to tell me that his departure had been quiet, and asked me to come in, sign the papers and notify his family.

As I dressed in the dark, my wife said, "Has he gone?"

"Yes."

"Peacefully?"

"It sounded that way."

"You handled that one pretty well, dear."

"Oh, I don't—"

"You never let me finish. You gave that dear man exactly what he asked for: no tubes or chemicals at the end; no antibiotics. Only morphine, a little cocaine, hours of conversation, and your presence." She yawned. "I hope I'm as lucky when the time comes."

"Never fear," I said: "You're going to turn into a laurel like Daphne, the Greek girl. But thanks for the kind words."

In July Dr. Binton had taken a bad turn and I interrupted my vacation to call on him at home. He was stretched out on a wicker chaise lounge in his garden. I was startled to note how quickly he had failed. Never robust, he was now a stick of a man, wrapped in a worn blue flannel bathrobe. Stubble bristled from his thin jaw. His guardsman's moustache drooped untrimmed, unwaxed, over his lip. A small book, bound in calfskin, lay open on his lap.

I said, "What happened?"

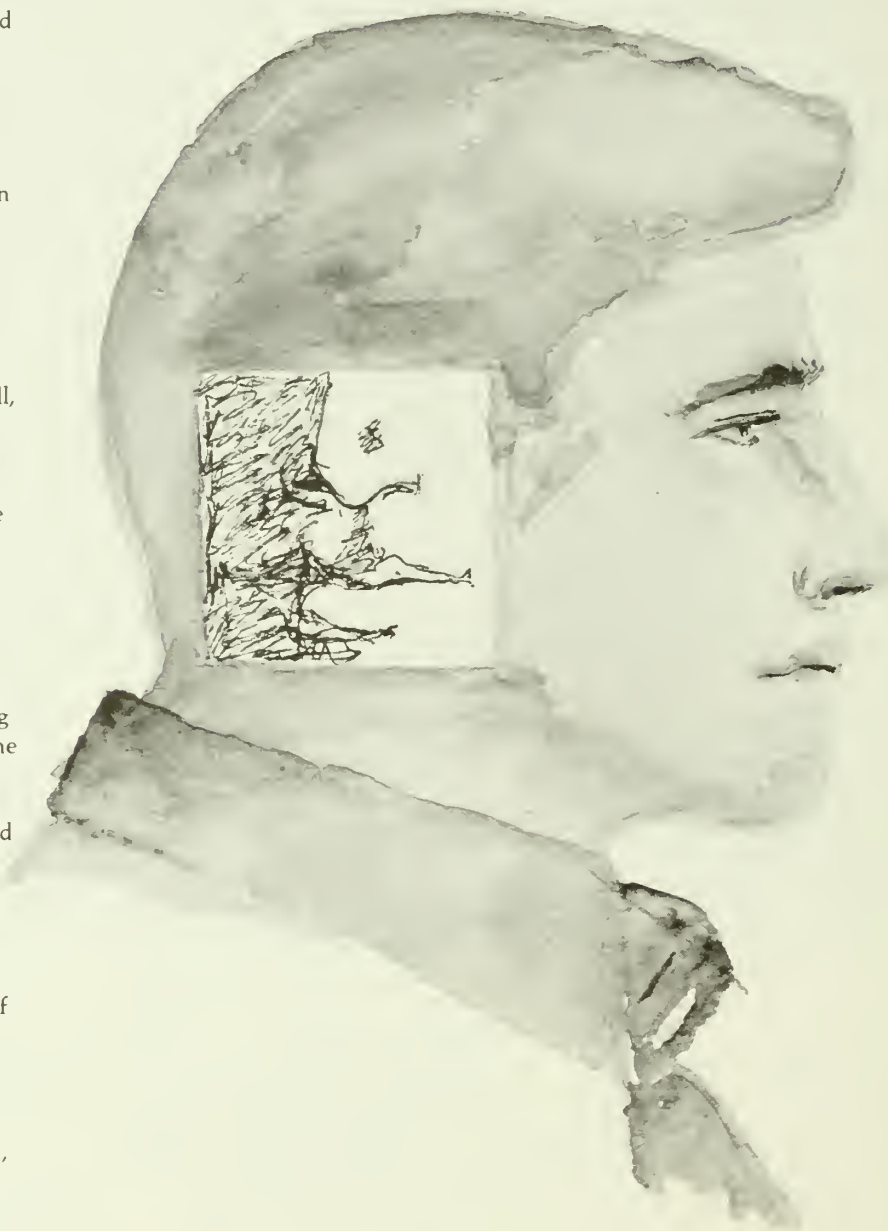
"Time passed," he said. "And now I feel singularly depleted."

I untied his robe and ran my hand across his abdomen. There was nothing to feel but a huge liver, gnarled and stony hard.

"How are the bowels?"

"Erratic. They move every day but occasionally at inconvenient moments."

"What are you reading?"



nd of the stethoscope

He picked up his book. "Hazlitt's *Table Talk*. Are you familiar with it?"

"I was made to read Hazlitt in college, but I like him anyway."

"He was a neglected master of prose. Few writers could so sharply judge, to the very last grain, exactly how much meaning a sentence could carry. You must recommend him to your patients. He gives them so much to hold lightly in hand."

"I remember that he never raised his voice."

"Never. And everything on earth interested him. I've just finished what he had to say about travel. Listen to this, John: 'We go a journey to be free of all impediments; to leave ourselves behind. . . .'"

"Didn't he write that the soul of conversation is sympathy?"

"Yes," he said, pulling himself up on his chair. "But how sad that we doctors forget it. I was interested to learn not long ago that the faculty of one of our medical schools includes a functionary whose title is 'Coordinator of Approach to the Patient.' I can show it to you in a catalogue. Picture the smile on Hazlitt's face today, sitting in a classroom, when such a one would stand and write on the blackboard: 'In approaching sick people the soul of conversation is sympathy.' Up until recent times such instruction was given at home at the dinner table.

"Did I tell you what happened to me 24 hours after my last operation? I was in pain and asked to see the resident surgeon. He approached with my chart in hand and said: 'Now let's see; just when were you operated on?'"

"A brave beginning," I said. "Tell me, do you think it's possible to teach either conversation or sympathy in medical school?"

"Probably not. It's much too late. During my recent detentions in medical centers it became quite clear that listening is a vanishing art. Machines have taken over the function of interrogation. My doctors knew what forms to fill out, what prescriptions were called for, and what consultants to summon. I was bled each morning. But no one listened to me and no one knew what to say."

"Why should that be?"

"I think two things are responsible. Doctors today, for a variety of reasons, are in deep distrust of simplicity, and few things are simpler than listening. Then there's the matter of haste — what an Englishman called 'our therapy of perpetual activity.'"

I asked him what things besides sympathy keep conversation alive.

"The idea of an amicable truce between minds — a temporary indifference to winning. We're still at work in America taming the wilderness. Everyone is trying to succeed, doctors included, and a speculative mind, contented with life, finishes last. I know a physician in New England with an international reputation as a clinician and research worker. His bosom is festooned with decorations. He's in demand all over the world as a speaker at medical meetings. But what a tiresome man! His words bring no comfort or cheer to either the hale or the ailing. A week with him alone in an open boat would be a disaster. In discourse he smashes every job. He demolishes every hypothesis, never once examining it, however grotesque, scrutinizing, turning it over to marvel. For all their erudition, the best doctors I've known were wonderers."

He asked for a cigarette and I held up a match. It was time to go.

After August he never left his bed. I visited him in his cluttered room overlooking Brandywine Creek and the wooded hills, an emaciated figure, skin pale yellow, propped up in an enormous four-poster bed.

"What about the cancer drugs? Is the fluorouracil helping?"

"Not very much. Why don't we discontinue it? My veins will call you blessed."

"Very well. Are you having any pain?"

Some in my chest. Quite a lot in my right flank. And I could do without the constant nausea."

I took a bottle from my pocket. "Here's something better than sherry. Bromptom Mixture, rich in comforting herbs. Keep it on your bedside table and take a spoonful when necessary for the drearies."

"You're very kind. I'll use it faithfully. Now tell me what you've been up to."

I looked at his diplomas. "I've won an award."

"Congratulations! For what?"

"The American Medical Association has certified me a Recognized Physician until August 1, 1979."

"I'm deeply impressed. How did you come by this coveted honor?"

"I accumulated 150 credit hours of Continuing Medical Education of which at least 60 were in Category I."

"How's that again?"

"Category I is a planned program, coordinated, administered, and evaluated in terms of specific educational objectives."

"Aha!"

He scratched his chin and looked out the window. "How does it feel to be Recognized?"

"Pretty good. I laid in some new facts and theories in the process, but on the whole the sensation is one of shortness of breath after a scramble for credits."

He smiled. "Be kind to the AMA. It's been everyone's whipping boy for too long. At least give them credit for the hours of thought and compromise that went into that title, Recognized Physician. I wonder if everyone realizes how quickly doctors get rusty and how great is their need for periodic scouring. And how neat a trick it must be to try to measure a doctor's competence! His command of facts, yes. His judgment, perhaps, with the aid of

batteries of computers. But grading him as a healer is something else, his art is so shot through with abstractions, so shaped by attitudes, intuitions, values, and other subtle emanations. Like any other art, I think it has to be measured by its effect on a person, in the manner of an Impressionist landscape or a Bach fugue.

"How tempting it would be to suggest that patients be given the grade books, but here some distressing problems arise: the enduring success, alas, of quackery and facile manipulation just short of it, particularly at present when consumers hold so many standards of quality under suspicion. And yet I know of so many cures that cannot be rationally accounted for. Did you ever stand in the courtyard of Sainte Anne de Beaupre and try to count the crutches on the church facade?"

"Of course there are miraculous cures," I said. "But doctors must bring off their share of recoveries, too. Even the incompetent ones. From your years of observation, how do you tell a good doctor from a bad one, leaving competence aside?"

"A good one or a successful one?"

"A good one."

"By his honesty, principally, though some of the most honest have small practices. Here one comes to rely on two sources for help: medical students and children. In their second and third years, before their own pretensions begin to ripen, medical students can spot humbug at 50 paces. They openly declare it. And children, in general, sense and trust honest doctors. Outside of the field of geriatrics, beware of doctors with few children as patients."

"Are good doctors honest with patients?"

"Frequently. But the perversions of honesty are all too often sadism in masquerade. Do you remember the Greek word *pharmakon*? It means both remedy and poison. Honesty in a sickroom is two-edged. Only an expert knows how much to employ."

"You spoke of its perversions."

"They seem to me to be becoming more commonplace and more profitable. Some doctors use them to frighten patients, others to reinforce submission or to satisfy a craving for indispensability."

"Would you give me an example?"

"Certainly. A middle-aged widow, obese and affluent, awakes late at night with upper abdominal pain. It is eventually presumed to be due to a hiatus hernia. But on the night in question she summons a young doctor, newly arrived in the community, eager. His particular interest is in cardiology. He arrives promptly, carrying his new electrocardiographic machine. He uses it, and after examining the tracings, he gives the lady an injection. 'Mrs. W — ,' he says, 'I'm going to be absolutely honest with you. If you had called me five minutes later, or if I hadn't been at home, or if I had failed to come at once, I dread very much to think of what might have happened to you tonight.' Now, clearly, there was no fraud in this effusion. It was nothing but alert merchandising, and entirely ethical. But from that moment on, Mrs. W was his patient and his devotee."

"That sounds like a very successful gambit. What are some of the other secrets?"

"It would take hours to cover them. They come down to skill with words, infinite self-confidence, and a disdain for cost. The experts are usually on display at medical meetings, poised on the rostrum delivering statistics in relaxed, almost diffident tones. Incomprehensible graphs are flashed on and off a screen accompanied by resonant phrases such as 'pharmacodynamic homeostatic effects' and 'benefits, of course, to await final evaluation.' The feast is garnished with eponyms. Straw men are effortlessly dispatched and one is led, irresistibly, to the simple truth that no challenge is too great for the speaker. He will always know what to do. Speaking for myself, there were many times in my practice when I didn't know what to do and I had to call for help. Whenever possible I called in a consultant I could trust. When starting practice, one comes in for some unpleasant surprises —nothing's easier than for one doctor to undercut a rival subtly ('He's a fine doctor, but sometimes so hard to reach!') or with a direct thrust ('Where in the world did you get that incision? It's going to leave a terrible scar — I hope he told you that')."

"You mentioned cost a moment ago."

"I don't know how long we can afford the habit, but today nothing is more distrusted in a doctor than thrift. The watchword is 'Charge it; someone will pay,' and where else but in health care do we ask ourselves what we're getting for our money? But now I'm a bit tired. Won't you stop in after a few days?"

Two weeks later he lay in a corner room at the hospital. His temples were caverns; his hands, flexed on the bedcover, were carved in paraffin. But his eyes were bright and his conversation spirited. Hallucinations, perhaps induced by cocaine, intruded on his discourse. He described portraits hanging on the wall, most of them of friends long dead. I asked him what visitors had come to see him.

"Constance, my sister, was here this morning to say goodbye. Poor dear; she's three years older than I am and very tired. 'Craig,' she said, 'this is very sad. I'm the one who should be going.' I said, 'Perhaps the parting won't be for long.' I have very little religion but I confess at this moment to a keen sense of anticipation. I'm not sentimental, either. When you brought me to the hospital I left a house I'd lived in for 54 years, and yet I felt no trace of deprivation. So thank you, John, for stopping and, for your care. Do you remember what the Roman poet said? 'Living is what the wise man did yesterday.'"

I left him propped in bed, peering, through pincenez, at the newspaper. During the night he came down silently, alone, like a spent oak in a forest.

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CLASS NOTES

Deaths

John Daniel Lamon Jr. '25, San Jose, Cal.
David Lloyd Wood '28, Dalton
Walter P. Kirkland '29, Pearson
Dan Jardine '34, Douglas
Charles Adams '43, Decatur
Henry Hyde McNeely '46, Toccoa
Walter A. Sikes '46, Raleigh, N. C.
C. Parker Meek '50, Aiken, S. C.
Jack Walter Smith '53, Manchester
William G. Talbert Jr. '53 Warner Robins
Verlin Ralph White '76, Atlanta
Earl Warren, '25, Glen Rock, N. J.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

John W. Thurmond, Jr., '26, of North Augusta, S. C., received a Certificate of Distinction from the Medical Association of Georgia for 50 years of practice. He also received the 50 Year Club of American Medicine Certificate of Merit.

Hoke Wammock, '28, of LaGrange, was asked to represent the Medical College of Georgia at the inauguration of the 20th President of LaGrange College.

Tom Moss,'29, of Rome was recently recognized by the Medical Profession of Georgia for 50 years of service in the medical profession. The 72-year-old family practitioner says he is not planning retirement any time soon, but he has curbed his working hours in recent years. "I used to work until 10 at night. Now I try to close down by 4:30 each day."

Mary Kate Hires, '31, of Blackshear, has been traveling extensively, recently, going to Hawaii, New Zealand, Austrialia, Fiji and Switzerland.

Zeb McDaniel, '32, of Albany, retired this year. There was a retirement party for him, at Phoebe Putnay Hospital in Albany.

Braswell Collins,'34, of Macon, retired in 1979 after 45 years in the practice of ophthalmology. Dr. Collins write, "I am now occupied with my B's. They are my bride, my bifocals, my boat, and avoiding my bay window".

James S. New, '36, of Dublin, is retired. He is a psychiatric consultant to the VA Medical Center Mental Health Clinic and Mental Health Retardation Center in Dublin.

Meyer M. Schneider, '37, of Savannah, recently completed six years service on the Chatham County Hospital Authority and has been appointed to a recently formed advisory committee.

Harold M. Smith, '39, of Savannah, is a charter member of the American Academy of Family Practice and was coroner of Chatham County for 24 years.

Asa Duggan, '40, of Washington, has accepted a position as Personnel Physician, VA Medical Center, Augusta. He was honored as 1978 "Citizen of the Year" of Wilkes County, Georgia, by the Wilkes County Chamber of Commerce after 29½ years practice in Washington.

Joseph Echols, '48, of Augusta, has been elected to the board of directors of the Citizens & Southern National Bank of Augusta. He is currently a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a fellow in the American College of Surgeons and former chairman of the medical staff of University Hospital, Augusta.

George F. Green, '51, of Sparta, is a director of the 10th District GAFP, and charter fellow of American Academy of Family Physicians.

George Mixon, '51, of Dublin, is a diplomat ABFP 1978-1985.

Judson L. Hawk, '52, of Atlanta, spends half of his time as director Ambulatory Services at the Scottish Rite Hospital and the other half in private practice.

John Allen, Jr., '53, of Atlanta, writes that a coronary, a cervical fusion and a second coronary kept him out of work from July, '74 until December '77.

Earl Allen Burch, Jr., '75, Columbia, S. C., was appointed director of medical student education in the department of neuropsychiatry and behavioral sciences, University of South Carolina, School of Medicine, at Columbia, and is also a teacher and research psychiatrist, Wm. S. Hall Psychiatric Institute.

J. Donny Gilley, '75, and William I. Waller, '75, have formed an association for the practice of internal medicine in Savannah. Both are diplomates of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Mark Nelson, '76, is chief medical resident at Brooke Army Medical Center.

A. Cullen Richardson, III, '76, Carrollton, Texas, is a third year resident in general surgery. He has a daughter, Carolyn Marie, six months old.

Mary Beth Miller Wiles, '76, and her husband announce the birth of their second child, Mary Elizabeth. Dr. Wiles will complete an internal medicine residency at Grady Hospital in June and will begin practice in Blairsville in the fall of 1979.

Don Wayne Roberts, '77, Louisville, Ky., and his wife announce the birth of their second child, Diana Michelle. Dr. Roberts is in residency in internal medicine at the University of Louisville Affiliated Hospital.

Charles E. Bohler, '54, of Brooklet, has been elected as Georgia's 1979 Family Physician of the Year for his dedicated service to the people of rural, coastal Georgia. He was selected from Georgia's more than 600 family practice specialists.

Ray L. Peacock, Jr., '55, is Chief of Staff and Chief of Pediatrics at Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Gainesville. He was appointed by Gov. George Busbee as a council member on the Maternal-Infant Council.

Charles Ray, '56, of Long Lake, Minn., recently lectured and performed demonstration surgery in Granz, Austria; London, England; and in Madrid, Spain.

Fred Chambless, '59 is presently serving as Director of Emergency Services, Floyd Medical Center, Rome.

A. H. S. Weaver, '59, a Macon orthopedic surgeon, has been elected chief of the medical staff at the Medical Center of Central Georgia for 1979.

J. Franklin Green, '61, has been elected to the board of directors of Carrollton Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Titus Payne, '61, has been a medical missionary in Nigeria, West Africa for 11 years. He writes that he returns to the USA only for short visits. He works in a church operated eye hospital and must speak the Hausa language. His malpractice insurance cost about $30 last year!

Willard Quillian, '62, of Augusta, is serving as chairman of the Promotions Committee, School of Medicine, chairman of the Housestaff Liaison Committee, and a member of the Executive Committee, Talmadge Memorial Hospital, and also chief of the psychiatry consultation service.

Nyda Williams Brown, 63, is a diplomate in psychiatry and neurology (1978). She received a certificate of award for meritorious contributions as an instructor from the American Group Psychotherapy Association. She is very active in group psychotherapy in private practice in Atlanta.

G. Rufus Maloney, '64, of Augusta, is president of the medical staff, University Hospital, Augusta, and vice-president of the Richmond County Medical Society.

Robert Anderson, 67, has been elected to the Hospital Authority of Gainesville and Hall County, and has been appointed to serve on the executive committee of the authority.

Laurence Davis, '68 of Cartersville, recently received Best Actor Award "Arsenic and Old Lace" and Best Supporting Actor "Promises, Promises" and is currently directing "Barefoot in the Park."

Harrison McDonald, '68, retired from the Navy after 20 years of active duty. He is setting up practice as a dermatologist in Encinitas, Calif.

Paul Stanton, '69, of Atlanta, spoke at the International Symposium on Stroke Research in London, England; the Society for Vascular Surgery, Los Angeles and at the Post Graduate Course in Vascular Surgery at the American College of Surgeons in San Francisco.

George Kitchens, '70, recently became full partner in Albany Ear, Nose and Throat P.L., Albany.

Thomas Sikes, Jr., '70, of Concord, N.C., was certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgeons

Louis A. Mitchell, '72, of Fairfield, Calif., is leaving the USAF to enter private practice as an anesthesiologist.

Robert Whitelow, Jr., '72, of Belleville, Ill., received his certification from the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery in 1978.

Leon Gross, '73, announces the opening of his office for the practice of ophthalmology in Atlanta. He was recently elected to fellowship in the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Linton S. Holsenbeck, '73, Heidelberg, West Germany, writes he is the senior medical consultant for drug and alcohol affairs to Gen. George Blanchard, Commander in Chief, US Army, Europe and to Gen. Spencer Reid.

Wesley Adams, Jr., '74, has joined Bristol Gynecology Associates in Bristol, Tennessee.

John Elder, '74, has joined the Athens Obstetrics and Gynecology group. He completed his ob/gyn residency at Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

Russell Kramer, '74, finished fellowship in gastroenterology at the University of Maryland Hospital. He will associate with three other gastroenterologists in Atlanta in July.

William Stephens, '74, returned to Savannah after finishing a fellowship in rheumatology at the Centre for Rheumatic Disease in Glasgow, Scotland. He is now in private practice.

Charles B. Williams, '74, is currently chief resident in urology, University of Kentucky.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Elizabeth Anderson,55, of Lake City, Fla., recently retired after twenty-two years with the Veterans Administration.

Catherine Summerlin, '59, of Milledgeville, has been elected president of the Health Systems Agency of Central Georgia. She is the first registered nurse to be elected to this position.

Eloise Clark, '61, of Mentone, Ala., operated a nursing clinic for migrant workers in northern Alabama. Approximately 4,000 migrant workers move through Alabama during the spring and summer months.

Nellis S. Swensen, '65, is associate professor of nursing at the Medical College of Virginia, Commonwealth University, Richmond.

Libby Annette Bairan, '71, of Kennesaw, was promoted to assistant professor of nursing at Kennesaw College. She served two terms as president of the Thirteenth District Nurses Association, Georgia Nurses Association.

Jannelle B. Correll, '71, of Mt. Pleasant, N. C., will complete her masters of education from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte this summer.

D. Lucy Schmidt, '74, married Dennis Hitchman and is living in Cedartown. She is assistant professor of nursing at Jacksonville, Ala., State University.

Sharon Hulon Cox, '74, MSN, of Nashville, Tenn., took a position in a joint appointment with Vanderbilt University Hospital and School of Nursing. She is coordinator of nursing education and assistant professor of nursing administration in the School of Nursing.

Sandra Owen, '75, worked for three years in neurosurgical nursing. She is currently working in public health with Fulton County, Atlanta.

Linda Tilby, '75, MSN, was named director of staff development at St. Joseph's Hospital, Augusta.

Anne Walters Skiscim, '75, is a psychiatric nurse supervisor at Dayton, Ohio Mental Health Center.

Gloria Assad Limbird, '76, and her husband Dr. Richard Limbird, '76, are

working on the Indian Reservation at Pine Ridge, South Dakota for the Public Health Service.
Jacalyn Dana Miles, '76, has completed the training course at Delta Airlines. She is now a Delta flight attendant assigned to the airline's Atlanta base.
Lucy White Williams, '76, is living in Japan, where her husband is a naval officer in preventive medicine.
Tobie Fleming Day, '76, MSN, is an instructor of nursing at Southwest State Technical College in Mobile, Ala.
Diana G. French, '76, MSN, is working at the Univrsity of South Florida College of Nursing as an assistant professor.
Laura Britt Bramblett, '77, is president of the Georgia Public Health Association for 1978-79.
Linda K. Maund, '77, MSN was chosen for listing in "Who's Who of American Women."
Carole Tibbitts, MSN, '78, is project director for Lincoln County RHI Grant.
Lawrence J. Canfield, BSN, '78, is presently assigned in Europe and is working on his masters in education thru U.S.C. He was recently promoted to the rank of Major.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Craig Altman, '77, opened a private office at Atlanta West Hospital in Lithia Springs.
Michael T. Rainwater, '77, of Forest Park, married Susan Bell, '78, medical technology, July 1, 1978.
Stanley A. Stein, '77, opened a private dental practice in Marietta.
Derrick Wilcher, '77, is leaving private practice in Cornelia and is entering the USAF as a captain to practice dentistry.
Dan Harrell, '78, opened his dental practice in Eastman.
Rodney Duhn, '78, has opened a family dental practice in Morganton.
Dr. Shellie Louis, '78, opened a dental office in Fort Valley. He plans to practice in a medical-professional complex at Fort Valley State College in the near future.

SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Occupational Therapy

Tobi Greartner, '77, has married John Hayden. She was elected secretary, Mississippi Occupational Therapy Assocation.

Physical Therapy

Kay F. Davis, 77, recently assumed the position of physical therapy coordinator at Methodist Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.
Catherine Lyon, 78, is working at Emory University — Center for Rehabilitation Medicine as staff physical therapist.

Physicians Assistant

Raymond Kurker, '77, is on the staff at the Medical College of Georgia. He is a member of the American Association of Physician's Assistants and also the CSRA Physician's Assistant Society and a NCCPA member.

Radiologic Technology

Katrina A. DeVore, '70, is working in Gainesville, with Dr. Ron Andrews, '70.
Elaine Armstrong, '75, is presently employed in the laboratory at St. Vincent's Medical Center of Richmond. Her husband, Louis, was graduated from Law School at St. John's University this past spring.
Virginia Richardson Duncan, '76, is working at Grady Hospital in Atlanta in radiation oncology. She is the chief technologist and the assistant director of education in the School of Radiation Oncology Technology at Grady.
Lisa Burns Chancey, '78, writes that she is employed at Rockwell International, a prime contractor to the Department of Energy.

Medical Technology

Geraldine Hunnicutt, '64, was elected Secretary of the Georgia Society for Medical Technology at the annual meeting held in Atlanta.

Tribute to Hoodie

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Dr. Thomas Zwemer, associate dean of academic affairs in the School of Dentistry composed this tribute to the late Dr. Carl Davis.*

Ask anyone who had the pleasure of his company, "How do you spell friend?" and they will say HOODIE. Hoodie never met a person he didn't like nor a girl who wasn't pretty. To meet him was to like him. To know him was to love him. A conversation with Hoodie was better than a two martini lunch. To Hoodie, life was a social encounter and learning the by-product of the relationship.

His idea of management was if it ain't broke, don't fix it. If it is broke, fix it, don't blame or scold. His idea of clothes and music was loud and bright. His idea of leadership was quiet and understated. He didn't merely have an open door policy, he had a no door policy. Ten minutes with Hoodie and you would be telling him things you wouldn't even tell Barbara Walters, Joyce Brothers, Johnny Carson or Masters and Johnson.

The best story teller on the block, he never played "Can you top this?" He always let his guest have the last word and the best laugh.

Fashioned from the simple clay of the Ozark Hills, he never lost the common touch. He relished the smack and tang of elemental things and contributed to each person he encountered a zest for living. He gave an elegance to egalitarianism without eroding the pursuit of excellence.

A dentist according to the School of Dentistry is a skilled clinician, an effective teacher, a constant student, an efficient manager and an active member of the community — a better definition might be Carl O. Davis. Coming to the Medical College of Georgia in August of 1971, he brought with him the embodiment of the complete dentist. His credentials were impeccable: ten years of a successful dental practice in Okmulgee, Oklahoma; an earned doctorate in educational psychology; teaching and administrative experience at both the high school and university levels; and active involvement in many community organizations and projects. It soon became apparent that there was more to Hoodie than could be put on paper. He was the ear and the voice of students and patients alike. He was the model of good teaching to the faculty. He was the friend and confidant of every member of the dental school family.

If ever a man left an empty place against our sky, it is Carl O. Davis. Hoodie we hardly got to know you, but we love you very much. We cherish your memory and we hold dear the students and dentists you found and fashioned from the simple clay of Georgia.

The Carl O. Davis Memorial Fund has been established with the proceeds being used for financial aid to students. This aid will be in the form of loans. The fund has already received almost $6,000 in donations. If you wish to contribute, send checks to The MCG Foundation, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Ga. 30912. Make checks payable to The MCG Foundation and indicate they are for the Carl O. Davis Fund.

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